miscreant activities, etc. which are beyond the control of Railways. The punctuality has also been affected due to assets and human failures. The punctuality of 121/122 passenger train during the last three months is given below:

Train No.	Total run (In days)	Right time - upto 30 minute (In days)	Late between 31 minutes to 60 minutes (In days)	Late above 60 minutes (In days)
121 UP	92	47	26	19
122 DN	92	57	28	7

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, in view of operational considerations, introduction of a new train between Kasganj and Mathura and public demands, a slight change in the timings of 121 UP was made during the year 2001-2002, which were again revised and restored in accordance with the public demand.

Seismological Research Institute at Gandhinagar

3304. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2205 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to establish the Institute of Seismological Research at Gandhinagar, Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken therefore;

(c) what is the estimated project cost; and

(d) by which sources the funds are to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) to (d) Sir, a proposal of State Government of Gujarat for establishment of Institute of Seismological Research at Gandhinagar, Gujarat has been received. The

Department of Science and Technology at the request of State Government formulated a comprehensive proposal indicating the core research activities, the estimated cost and the possible financial patterns and mechanism. The said proposal has also been forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs for seeking external funding to the tune of Rs. 130 crores for a period of five years.

The Gujarat State Government has recently informed that the State is taking steps to establish the proposed Institute through its internal resources and external assistance. A Director General to head that Institute has also been appointed. During the last two year, the Department of Science & Technology has also supported several research projects in Gujarat area for better earthquake hazard assessment.

Discovery of vital evidence on Portuguese shipwrecks

3305. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the marine archaeologists at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) have discovered vital evidence on Portuguese shipwrecks of Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A team of marine archaeologists of National Institute of Oceanography has carried out exploration and excavation of shipwrecks off Goa and discovered a Portuguese period shipwreck at Sunchi Reef (Lat: 15° 26N, Long: 73° 46E) which is the oldest shipwreck so far explored in Indian waters. Several artefacts were recovered from the site. The shipwreck findings show the evidence of the Indo-Portuguese trade and commerece.

Jai Vigyan health project

†3306. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.